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SUBJECT: TREATY NEGOTIATIONS - LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS

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1. MEDIA PLAY ON NEGOTIATIONS HAS CONTINUED LIGHT TO MODERATE.
"REPUBLICA" FOR JULY 18 (ATTRIBUTED TO OFFICIAL GOP SPOKESMAN)
SAID NEGOTIATIONS THAT AFTERNOON WERE TO DEAL WITH UNRESOLVED
ASPECTS OF LANDS AND WATERS, DEFENSE SITES, LABOR PROBLEMS
AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. ARTICLE NOTED ADDITION OF AFSCME
LEADERS MAUGE AND ANDERSON AS ADVISERS TO PANAMANIAN TEAM,
AND REPEATED FOREIGN MINISTER'S WEEKEND DENIAL THAT PANAMA
HAD AGREED TO ANY US RIGHT OF INTERVENTION AFTER CANAL TREATY
TERMINATES.

2. EVENING OF JULY 18, TV CHANNEL 2 CARRIED NEWS ITEM ATTRIBUTED TO "EXTRA-OFFICIAL SOURCES" CONFIRMING THAT CONCEPTUAL ACCORDS BETWEEN PANAMA AND US ON NEUTRALITY AND DEFENSE OF CANAL EXPLICITLY PROHIBIT ACTS OF INTERVENTION BY US.
ITEM WAS REPRINTED VERBATIM IN "MATUTINO" FOR JULY 19
BUT DID NOT APPEAR IN OTHER PAPERS (FBIS/PANAMA PA)

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3. ONLY OTHER DIRECT TREATY COVERAGE JULY 19 IS TONGUE-IN-CHEEK (WE HOPE) SUGGESTION BY "CRITICA", FOR SECOND DAY RUNNING, THAT PANAMANIAN-CITIZEN US BASEBALL STAR RODNEY CAREW BE ADDED TO PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATING TEAM.

4. IN COLLATERAL ITEM, "STAR AND HERALD" CARRIED RELEASE BY AFGE LOCAL 14 CHARGING PANCANAL WITH REVERSE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST US CITIZENS IN PERSONNEL OPERATIONS (COPY POUCHEO ARA/PAN).

5. US NEGOTIATORS MAY WISH TO BE AWARE THAT JULY 19 IS BIRTHDAY OF PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATOR EDWIN FABREGA.

6. DEPT MAY ALSO WISH TO KNOW THAT ON JULY 12, FICE-MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS SENT LETTER DIRECTLY TO PAUL SIMONEAU, PANCANAL SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR LABOR RELATIONS, REQUESTING THAT MAUGE AND ANDERSON BE EXTENDED ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS AS LABOR CONSULTANTS TO GOP NEGOTIATING TEAM. SIMONEAU (SPEAKING ALSO ON BEHALF OF ARMY, ANDERSON'S EMPLOYER) RESPONDED ON JULY 15 THAT PANCANAL AND ARMY WOULD POSE NO BAR TO THEIR TRAVEL BUT THAT ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE COULD NOT BE GRANTED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

7. FURTHER TO PARA 6 REFTEL, COPY OF SUNDAY'S LETTER FROM GROUP OF LAWYERS ON NONINTERVENTION/NEUTRALITY POUCHEO ARA/PAN. FOR INFORMATION OF DEPT, FOLLOWING IS BIO INFORMATION ON SOME OF SIGNERS FROM EMBASSY RECORDS:

A. BELIZ, ARIEL: 1968 CAMPAIGN MANAGER OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONAL PATRIOTIC COALITION (CPN).

B. FAUNDES, JOSE MANUEL: PROMINENT TRIAL LAWYER AND PANAMENISTA POLITICIAN PRIOR TO 1968. DELIVERED CAUSTIC CRITIQUE OVER RADIO IMPACTO IN 1971 THAT LED TO STATION'S TEMPORARY SUSPENSION UNDER DECREE 343 AND TO FAUNDES' SUBSEQUENT JAILING FOR 90 DAYS FOR VIOLATION OF DECREE 342.

C. FAUNDES, JOSE MANUEL JR.: PANAMENISTA CANDIDATE FOR PANAMA CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL PRE-1968.

D. VELASQUEZ, DR. OSVALDO: FORMER CHIEF OF OPHTHALMOLOGY CLINIC, SANTO TOMAS HOSPITAL. ASSOCIATED WITH ANTI-TORRIJOS NON-LEFT OPPOSITION GROUPS SINCE 1968.

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